

What is claim d is:

1. A suspension mounting structure, comprising:
a side member including a curved portion formed into
5 a U-shape in section and having an upper opening, the
curved portion being curved inward in a vehicle width
direction, a horizontal face portion extending outwardly
from an upper end of the curved portion in the vehicle
width direction, and a notched portion formed to extend
10 from a part of the horizontal face portion to an outer side
face, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of the
curved portion; and
a bracket including an upper face portion and a side
face portion that are disposed at the notched portion to
15 cover the horizontal face portion and the outer side face
of the curved portion, respectively, an upper portion of a
strut of a suspension being fixed to the upper face portion.
2. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 1, wherein said bracket is configured to cover said
20 notched portion from below said horizontal face portion.
3. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 2, wherein said curved portion has a bottom face
thereof formed with a notch-like relief portion that
extends from said notched portion in continuity therewith.
- 25 4. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 3, wherein said bracket is formed with a lower flange
portion that covers said relief portion from below the
bottom face of said curved portion.
5. The suspension mounting structure according to
30 claim 2, wherein said bracket has a triangular end face
that connects an outer part, as viewed in the vehicle width
direction, of said upper face portion to a lower part of
said side face portion.

6. The suspension mounting structure according to claim 5, wherein a rib is formed to extend in a vehicle longitudinal direction in continuity with the side face portion of said bracket.

5 7. The suspension mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein said rib is formed in continuity with the lower flange portion of said bracket.

10 8. The suspension mounting structure according to claim 7, wherein a flange portion is provided at an outer end, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of the horizontal face portion of said side member so as to project upward, and an upper flange portion, corresponding to the flange portion of said side member, is provided at an outer end, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of
15 the upper face portion of said bracket.

9. The suspension mounting structure according to claim 8, wherein said rib is formed in continuity with said upper flange portion.

20 10. The suspension mounting structure according to claim 2, wherein said bracket is formed to have a thickness greater than that of said horizontal face portion.